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MENLO MOTORIST ARRESTED FOR BEING INTOXICATED

A Menlo Park painter by the name of John Wiles, aged 36, was arrested by Traffic Officer Lee Bond at Millbrae on Monday evening and charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was lodged in the county jail at Redwood City.

Wiles appeared before Judge Ray Griffin on Tuesday and was fined $25.

Joseph Albree of Palo Alto, who was with Wiles, was charged with breaking glass on the highway.

DANIEL DRISCOLL DIES SUDDENLY

Daniel Driscoll, a resident of Menlo Park for 30 or 40 years, died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon. His widow, Abbie Driscoll, and one son, Lawrence, survive him.

Driscoll was employed by the Giant Powder Company of San Francisco and belongs to the Palo Alto lodge of Elks.

Funeral services were held from the family home at 10:45 Wednesday morning, thence to the Church of the Nativity, where mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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L. E. Harris, Editor of the Menlo Park Recorder, is confined to his bed on account of an accident in which he was injured a week or so ago. He is doing his best to get the paper out and hopes to be back at his work in a few days.

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNED AT MEET HERE SATURDAY

Preliminary steps looking to formation of a Junior Coluege District embracing northern Santa Clara county and southern San Mateo county, were discussed at a meeting held last Saturday night in the Palo Alto Union High school. Representatives were in attendance from Sequoia, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Santa Clara, Fremont and Los Gatos High School districts.

It was the consensus of opinion that a Junior College to serve the above mentioned districts is absolutely necessary. A committee was appointed to confer with the various school boards in order to further investigate the possibilities of the proposed plan.

BIG AUCTION SALE AT CAL. TRADING POST, OCT. 28, 29, 30

A big accumulation auction sale commenced this afternoon in the California rading Post, on the Highway at Atherton and will continue until Saturday afternoon under the direction of F. J. Furnivall, well known auctioneer of Menlo Park.

A spleendid collectio nof art goods and Indian goods as well as a line of novelties too numerous to mention are for sale to the highest bidder. It offers a splendid opportunity for Christmas shopping near home. The goods carried by the California Trading Post is all firstclass and in good condition. It will pay you to attend!

FOOTBALL GAME SUNDAY AT ST. JOSEPH'S FIELD

The Menlo Gray Fogs, despite their defeat last Sunday at the hands of the Atherton Aggies, are confident of victory in a return game Sunday. The game will be played at St. Joseph's field at 2 o'clock sharp. Elmo Cornelison, the star Menlo fullback wil lbe the most worked man as his great playing last Sunday pleased the large crowd of interested spectators.

CLASS IN PARLIAMENTARY LAW BEGAN FRIDAY P. M.

The course in Parliamentary Law which is to be conducted by Mrs. A. E. Thurston, state parliamentarian of the California Congress of Mothers and Parent Teacher Associations, under the auspices of the Menlo Park Parent-Teacher Association convened for the first lesson yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Twenty local women are enrolled and the classes will be held each Friday afternoon for six weeks.

The Sequoia Union High School will open classes for foreigners on Monday evening, November 1st, 1926, at the Menlo Park Grammar School. English will be taught to those who neither read, write nor speak English and to intermediate and advanced students. The classes will meet regularly on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

MAKE ALL ROADS GOOD ROADT IN CALIFORNIA

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Proposition No. 4 on November 2

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DON'T FORGET THE NUMBER ON THE BALLOT—4. The gasoline tax measure is FOURTH on the ballot. Look for it and VOTE for it on November 2.

ALL CALIFORNIA HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

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VOTE YES on GAS TAX Proposition No. 4—November 2

STRONG COMMITTEE OF WOMEN WORKING TO RETAIN WRIGHT ACT

Reiterating the stand of the powerful National Organizations of which they are a part, members of the California Federation of Women's Clubs and the California Congress of Parents and Teachers have, through their executive bodies, called their members to rally to the support of the Wright Act, repeal of which is sought through an initiative petition on the November ballot.

The local groups working against the repeal are part of a state-wide committee of women organized to preserve the law toward the enactment of which they contributed so signal a part in the campaign of 1922 when the Wright Act was placed on the California statute books. At a three-day convention held at the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, last April, simultaneously with the convention of the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement meeting in Washington, the Woman's Committee of Five Thousand, of which Mrs. Paul Raymond is chairman, became the Northern California unit of a state committee re-inforced by the organization of the Southern California Woman's Committee for Law Enforcement with Mrs. John C. Urquhart as chairman.

Represented in the National Committee are the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the King's Daughters, and the National Council of Women, with a combined membership of more than twelve million women. Mrs. Henry W. Peabody of Boston is chairman.

Dr. Mariana Bertola, president of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, says in reference to the attitude of that body, "I am happy to report that the State Executive Board of the California Federation of Women's Clubs at its meeting held September 25th went on record as fully endorsing the Wright Law and will work for it throughout the State."

State and national leaders of the Congress of Parents and Teachers unite in emphatic expression of their sentiment regarding the Wright Act and the attempt to repeal it. Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, National Chairman of Legislation, has wired the state officers, "National Parent Teachers Association stands for uncompromising enforcement of prohibition. Thus it stands against any weakening of state codes. Hope state P. T. A. is active against repeai of Wright Law." Mrs. F. B. Martin, state charman of legislation, says in reponse to this telegram, "I am writing all district chairmen to broadcast the fact that the P. T. A. is voting NO on number 9.

At the meeting of the state board of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers held October 12, it was voted that the California Congress stand for the enforcement of prohibition and against Amendment number 9, and that all Parent Teacher meetings be open to speakers against the amendment.

The California Federation of Women's Clubs has a membership of 70,000 and the Parent-Teacher Association 138,000. With these more than 200,000 women actively campaigning against the repeal, augmented by the women of the other groups mentioned above as enlisted in the State and National Committees for Law Enforcement. it is clearly indicated that the women of California are united against any weakening of the State's co-operation iln the enforcement of the constitutional prohibtion amendment.

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MENLO PARK STUDY CLUB MEETING POSTPONED TO NOV. 8

The regular meeting of the Menlo Park Study Club has been postponed for one week and will be held on Monday, November 8th at the home of Mrs. John B. Glunz. The regular history program of the club will be presented at that time, consisting of papers by Mesdames E. Gardner and Thomas Stentiford.

STANFORD VARSITY TO PLAY U. S. C. AT LOS ANGELES SATURDAY

BY DON E. LIEBENDORFER

Forty-nine members of the Cardnal Varsity grid squad will leave where they will clash with the Uniwhre they will clash with the University of Southern California in a game which is expected to go a long way toward deciding the Pacific Coast Conference Championship.

Warner took every man on his quad with him, determined to leave no stone unturned in his effort to beat the Trojans.

"Pop' Warner was neither pessimistic or optimistic over his team's chances against the Trojans. He declared that he believes U. S. C. to be one of the stronges teams he has seen but that if his men play the kind of football of which they are capable, throughout the game, he does not believe the Cardinal cause a hopeless one. Although Warner refused to announce the lineup which he will start Saturday, it is believed here that he will rely on his regular linemen—McCreery at center, Captain Swan and Robesky at guard, Poulson and Harris at tackle, and Walker and Shipkey at ends.

The backfield combination is open to more debate. Eli Post is practically certain to start at quarter as is Hoffman at fullback. The halfback positions are probably the most uncertain on the team. Mike Murphy, the hero of last year's Cardinal-Trojan game, has not hit his stride this year and what with Dick Hyland coming to the front so fast, will probably be on the bench when the opening whistle blows. At right half, either Bogue or Hill may start with the odds slightly in favor of the former et the present time.

The general feeling here is that Stanford will have an excellent chance to repeat her victory of last year if her men play the kind of football they know for sixty minutes instead of twenty or thirty, as has been their custom recently.

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VOTE YES ON AMENDMENT NO. 25 NEXT TUESDAY

One of the twenty-eight measures on the ballot to be voted on by the people of California next week is No. 25. This proposition, entitled "Taxation and Local Assessment Exemption," adds to the constitution a section which exempts from taxation burial plots held by individuals for the interment of their dead. It does not exempt from taxation property held for profit by cemetery companies or mausoleum space not privately owned. Also it will not exempt property of crematory companies held or operated for profit.

The constitution of the State of California provides that all property must be taxed unless specifically exempted by amendment. Practically every other state in the Union has exempted from taxation burial space individally owned for human burial purposes.

One state statute provides for taxation. Another statute declares burial space inalienable. Therefore, to clear up this ambiguity in the statutes, Proposition No. 25 was authorzed by the passage of Senate Bill No. 32 and concurred in by the State Assembly without a dissenting vote. It also has the unanimous endorsement of the Assessors of the State as necessary to clarify the law.

Cemeteries, except insofar as they are operated for profit and are therefore taxable, are presumed to be maintained in an attractive condition indefinitely through perpetual care funds created by those who purchased lots for themselves and their relatives. Such perpetual care funds should not be subject to depletion through taxation and local assessment and if that happens the places of beauty created out of memory to the dead, would rapidly deteriorate and become eyesores on the landscape.

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The San Mateo County Board of Education has set December 4th, 9:30 a. m., Intermediate School of Redwood City, for the holding of an examination in the Constitution. All teachers whose certification needs to meet this requirement may avail themselves of this opportunity.

DON'T RIDE YOUNGSTERS, IS ASSOCIATION PLEA

The motorists know that "school days" are here again and the classrooms in full swing by the daily sight of youngsters in crowded streets seeking "lifts" from passing cars.

This practice constitutes one of the gravest of motoring dangers and a seasonal traffic hazard that calls imperatively for a solution, Percy E. Towne, chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the California Automobile Association, declared recently.

"A serious effort is being made by the American Automobile Association to find a solution for the problem created by thousands of children resorting to this dangerous practice," said Towne.

"Through the California State Automobile Association in this section and through 840 other affiliated clubs in all parts of the country, the A. A. A. is appealing to motorists and parents to do everything in their power to discourage children from endangering their lives and the lives of others in this way.

"It may seem heartless to pass by a child when one has room in one's car for four or five additional passengers, but that is only the superficial view of the question in the opinion of the traffic officials. Motorists must realize that they may be held liable for injuries that come to a child thus given a lift and unless they are capable of driving and at the same time keeping a close watch on their wards, it is far better to refuse them a ride.

"Parents should be willing to co-operate in ending this practice. They should make it their duty to impress their children with the dangers of such a practice.

"Teachers, too, can give invaluable assistance in discouraging their pupils from taking such risks.

"Those who give the matter careful thought will realize that the interests of safety demand a quick and sure solution of this problem."

ARTHUR F. O'NEILL IS KILLED BY S. P. TRAIN

Throwing himself under the coach of a moving train at Menlo Park Sunday noon, Arthur Francis O'Neill, aged 42, received injuries which caused his death seven hours later at the Palo Alto Hospital where he was rushed for treatment. Evidences are that the motion of the train caused the man to be tossed back along the side of the track, after having severed his right arm from the shoulder and crushing the left hand badly.

It is believed that O'Neill was mentally deranged. He had been suffering from a nervous breakdown and had been out of employment. His suicidal act occurred on the same day on which his wife, Mrs. Sarah O'Neill, had received a check for $3500 damages for her injuries received some time ago in an automobile accident.

O'Neill was a native of Menlo Park and had spent his life here. His occupation was gardening. He is survived by his wife and three brothers, John, Daniel and Edward, all of Menlo Park.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Tinney Funeral Home, thence to the Catholic Church of the Nativity at Menlo Park, where mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Menlo Park.

BELL MEMORIAL

A memorial to Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, is to be established at Boston University. It is to take the form of a chair of the science and art of speech at the College of Liberal Arts.

It is particularly fitting that Bell should be honored by Boston University, for it was while teaching at that institution that he made the discoveries which led to the invention of the telephone. At that time he was a professor of voice culture, and it was because of his familiarity with acoustics and the laws of speech that he was finally successful in his efforts to transmit the human voice by wire. Most of these early experiments were conducted by him in the late afternoons and evenings and on Saturdays and holidays, for his work at Boston University took up most of his other time.

The endowment for the chair to honor Bell will amount to $200,000.

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REPEAL OF WRIGHT LAW LEADS TO NULLIFICATION OF EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT

Not satisfied, the nullification or bootleg wets (who would rather be called modificationists) initiated a "Repeal of the Wright Law," which is not in any sense a referendum on the liquor question as the proponents try to prove for the benefit of the unwary voter, but "a bootleg measure to punch a hole for illicit liquor to flow through." The honest wets, those who do not believe in prohibition, but do believe that intoxicants, (not bootleg) should be had, not by breaking the law but by changing it, have been appealed to by the **repealers** but not all of them have been won. They have tried to win the despondent drys—those who don't think things through and are trying to make themselves believe that it is a failure and canont be enforced—so it might as well be abandoned.

On the other hand, the wonder is that as great a degree of success has been obtained when so many newspapers have flooded the public mind with misrepresentations and seemingly well-meaning, but thoughtless people wink at the law.

The enforcement in California has not been what the people have a right to expect, but the campaign for repeal of the Wright Act has stirred the public mind in a good many ways, and it is clearly seen by those who wish to see that enforcement in California, as elsewhere, will never be an absolute success until the enforcement is committed into the hands of officers who are in sympathy with its principles. It is a noticeable fact, that where officers are determined to uphold the law, the booleggers are comparatively scarce. San Francisco, which is considered "dripping" wet is trying to have the Wright Act repealed and thus withdraw more than 2000 enforcement officers from duty in regard to the bootleg menace, in other words, giving the bootlegger full sway to practice his nefarious business practically unrestrained.

The vote on the repeal of the Wright Act is not a vote for "Beer and Wine" in any sense of the word. Congress alone can change the Eighteenth Amendment and Volstead Law which would permit beer and wine. The Wright Act is simply a California Enforcement measure and should be retained by the right-thinking voters of the State next Tuesday. Vote NO on No. 9.

GIVE THE WATER AND POWER ACT A SUCCESSFUL FUNERAL

All hope for the Water and Power Act is lost. Its backers know that California is not going to stand for being saddled with a $500,000,000 mortgage. They are buying the crape for the mourning, and they privately admit that so far as the November election is concerned the Water and Power Act, twice previously defeated by the voters, is dead.

But still they are sending out a little propaganda. And there always is the remote chance that the voters will have their attention diverted to other things and will neglect to put the finishing touch on this vicious measure.

Be sure to vote NO on No. 18 and make it a successful funeral.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Vote No on Number 3 to tax oleomargine 2 cents per pound. A food tax is dangerous.

Vote Yes on Number 4 to provide a state highway system and No on Number 8, which is a sectional measure highway program.

Vote No on Number 6 which would legalize race track gambling under what is known as the pari-mutuel system.

Vote Yes on No. 10 to provide the University of California with adequate fire-proof buildings and the State with an office building at Sacramento.

Vote Yes on Number 17 and place the Bible in the publice schools of California, the only book now outlawed in our schools.

Vote Yes on Number 28 which exempts cemetery lots from taxation.

MENLO PARK LODGE AND CIVIC SOCIETY DIRECTORY

Menlo Park Improvement Association—
Meets in Kuck's Hotel first and third Fridays o feach month.
F. J. Furnivall, President.
Mark Laughlin, Secretary.

Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce—
Board of Directors meets every Monday evening, Laurel Court.
. H. Sullivan, President.
Miss Emma Noel, Secretary.

Menlo Park Troop No. 107, Boy Scouts of America—
Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Kuck's Hotel.
L. E. Harris, Scoutmaster.
F. N. Harris, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Menlo Park Study Club—
Meets in Presbyterian church, first Monday of each month.
Mrs. Jay T Cooper, President.
Mrs. L. E. Harris, Secretary.

Girl Scouts—
Meets every Friday afernoon in Kuck's Hotel.
Miss Meta Kugeler, Captain.
Miss Norma Judd, Leutenant.

Native Sons of the Golden West—
Meets in Duff & Doyle Hall every Thursday night.
Barney Larrecou, President.
Roland Midgley, Secretary.

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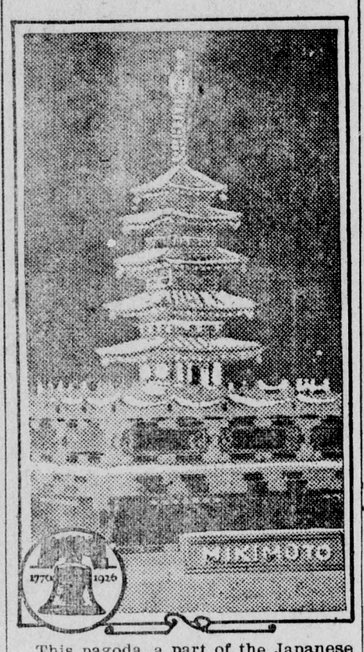

This pagoda, a part of the Japanese exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is made entirely of pearls and its value exceeds $1,000,000. The exposition continues until December 1.

Sold by Auction

Morganatic marriages of royalty are freely discussed, but perhaps the most curious stories are about the auctioning of wives which took place as recently as 90 years ago. According to the Annual Register the inhabitants of Carlisle witnessed the sale of a wife by her husband, Joseph Thompson, in 1832. A bellman was sent round to give notice of the sale, which attracted the attention of thousands. The woman stood on a large oak chair with a rope or halter of straw round her neck, and Thompson addressed the crowd.

After an hour or two she was purchased by a pensioner for the sum of 20 shillings and a Newfoundland dog!—London Tit-Bits.

HIGHWAY TRAFFIC OFFICIALS TO MEET IN SACRAMENTO

Believing that the traffic problems can be handled in California only through the utmost cooperation among the law enforcement agencies, officials of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen issued an appeal today to all state, county and municipal traffic officers to ally themselves with the association before the coming convention to be held in Sacramento, November 9, 10, and 11.

A statement issued by Captain Henry Gleeson, president of the Association and Will H. Marsh, the convention committee chairman, pointed to the fact that the association is devoted entirely to the interests of the traffic men in California and that the outstanding part of its program at the coming convention will be the formulation of a plan whereby injured officers will receive more adequate compensation.

Closer cooperation between county, state and city officers in the apprehension of speeders and other types of violators will be discussed at the convention which will probably be the most important law enforcement convention ever held in the State.

H. J. Van Horne's Garage and Service Station on the Highway will give a $250, 5 tube Radio complete to the one who holds the key to unlock the padlock on the Radio Table.

One key given with each $1.25 purchase.6Credit slip given where purchase is less than $1.25 and slips can be exchanged or keys.

In addition to the Radio a $2.00 cash prize will be given out each Saturday. Every customer gets a ticket.

The Service Station is a cut rate station.—Adv.

The Menlo Park Parent Teacher Association was represented at the annual reciprocity luncheon of the Second District California Congress of Parents and Teachers held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco last Monday by Mrs. C. T. Parsons, president; Mrs. J. J. Garland, Mrs. J. T. O'Keefe and Mrs. A. W. Gale.

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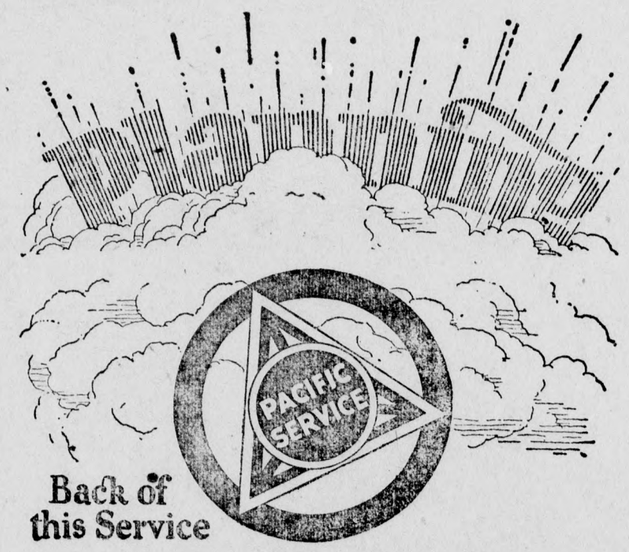

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NUMBER FOUR—GAS TAX MEASURE ON NOV. BALLOT SHOULD CARRY AT ALL COSTS

The San Francisco Examiner, the parent of all the Hearst Newspapers, and whose editorial expressions on state issues customarily reflects the attitude of the other five California Hearst newspapers, has declared emphatically for the 1-cent Gas Tax Measure, Proposition 4 on the November ballot, and as emphatically against Proposition 8, the Los Angeles highway measure.

The Gas Tax Measure is described by the Examiner as an "All-California, measure, whereas Proposition No. 8 is called a "sectional" measure and for that reason alone should be defeated. The editorial in full follows:

Gasoline Tax Measure on Ballot Should Pass

Do Californians want that splendid State asset, the highway system, completed rapidly, economically, flexibly and with equal fairness to the needs of all sections?

Or do they want the job done expensively, under rigid restrictions, and on a policy of permanent sectional favoritism?

That is the issue presented to the voters on the November ballot. There are two rival highway measures; one is extremely good and the other is extremely bad. The good one — Number Four— provides a one-cent increase in the gasoline tax. The bad one—Number 8 is a purely sectional measure, and not for the benefit of this State as a whole.

The essence of Number Eight is a year-by-year appropriation of $5,000,000 out of taxes, which can only be expended under all sorts of restrictions. The worst restriction is the one which provides that, each year, at least half the money must be applied to highways in thirteen specified counties; while the other one-half or less goes to the remaining forty-five counties. This is sectionalism pure and simple and it should not be written into the State law of California.

What we want to do is to develop ALL the roads in ALL the State and make the whole of California attractive to citizens and visitors alike.

But Number Eight contains other restrictions as well—a complete classification of highways, a hard-and-fast allocation of funds to each class regardless of future needs, and so on. Its authors seek to tie the hands and nullify the judgment of the State highway officials, and the only flexibility provided is through a new and untried scheme of "group" bond issues. It is a bad measure.

Number Four, fortunately is on the ballot, too—put there by unanimous resolution of all the county Supervisors of California. It is the same gasoline-tax increase passed by the last Legislature and pocket-vetoed by the Governor. California has fallen 2 years further behind in its road-construction program because of that veto, and passage of Number Four means that the program will be immediately resumed and not halted until complete.

The gasoline sales tax is the soundest plan in principle. If you drive no car you pay no tax; if you drive a heavy car or truck, or use the highways a great deal, you pay your fair share of road-repair and road-building. This is right and just. Moreover, it is a fruitful tax—it will raise an average of $10,000,000 a year for new roads—and as motor travel increases, the income for highways will increase. No other plan operates so justly.

The sales tax always has the advantage, that the cost of collection is nil, collection itself is certain, and in spite of the large sum raised the tax is hardly noticed. The existing two-cent tax is certainly "painless" and the one-cent increase will easily be absorbed. Under no other plan will visitors to our State, using our highway, pay any share of the expense. Here is an all-California measure, and it should pass.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was declared to be apathetic regarding the development of the peninsula by C. A Pislolesi, San Francisco engineer, in a talk before the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce last Monday night. The speaker said the San Francisco organization is devoting itself to the welfare of nine northern counties instead of concentrating on the development in San Mateo county. Pislolesi agreed with the remark of W. J. Murray that the San Francisco chamber is dominated by a few interests which do not want the peninsula to go ahead.

Pislolesi proposed that a boulevard be developed on land to be reclaimed along the shore from Third street to Hunter's Point. This could be done easily, he said, thus affording a 170-foot wide highway which could be made accessible by a mole. The sale of reclaimed land would pay for the development of the mole, he declared.

President J. H. Sullivan appointed the following committee to consider the speaker's suggestions: W. J. Murray, J. A. Harcum, Frank E. Caine, F. Crocker and L. H. Cook.

J. A. Harcum announced that sentiment in favor of municipal incorporation is reviving in Menlo Park, and declared that 15 men who had opposed the movement previously were now in a mood to consider it. There was some question raised whether the time is most opportune now to agitate the matter. The chamber appropriated $40 toward paying off a debt of the former incorporation committee for maps that were drawn, and directed that a letter be written to the Menlo Park Improvement Club asking that organization to contribute $35 for paying a printing bill incurred in the same cause.

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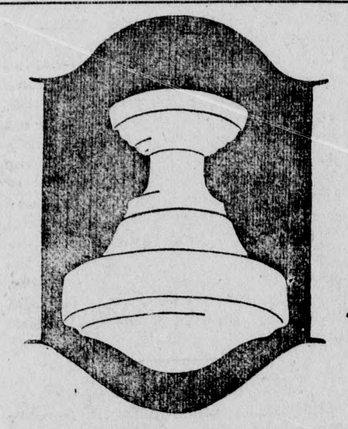

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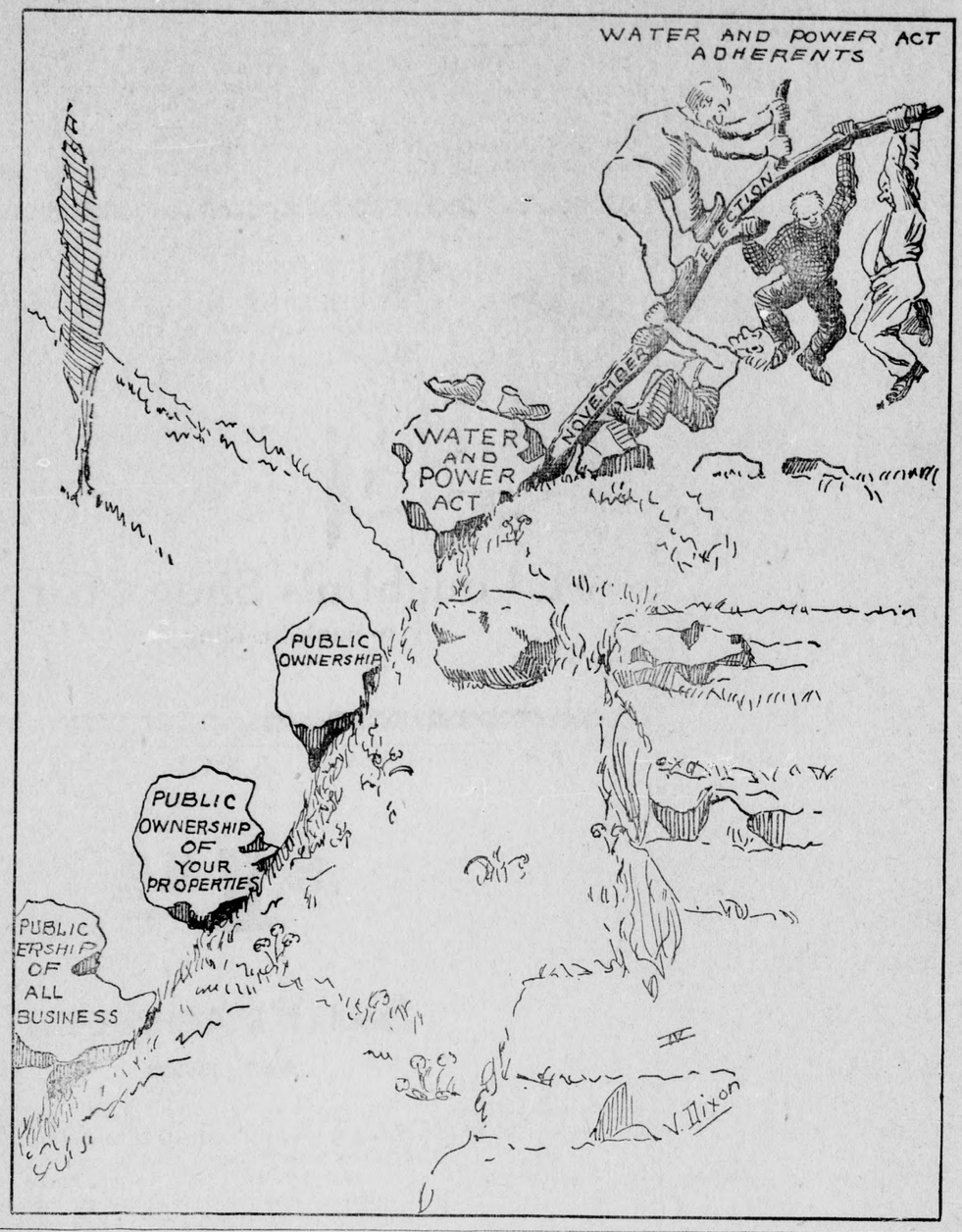

Glowworms in Cavern

A "glowworm" cavern was discovered in the bush country near Te Kuiti, Australia. The walls are literally covered with thousands of small glowing worms which give the rocks the appearance of being studded with brilliant jewels. And strangely enough, the lights of the glowworms pale when the least bit of noise is made in the cavern, as for instance when a person speaks. In the daylight the worms look like common grubs.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Won Fame After Death

Perhaps Henry D. Thoreau of Concord, Mass., who died in 1862, is the only American author of renown whose works were not published until after his death. He published but two books while alive, both at his own expense. One of them had a moderate circulation, the other almost none. All his life he kept a journal, and all of this has subsequently been published, so that his works now total about 30 volumes, all of which are in print and in demand.

Notables of Athens Gathered in Agora

The Agora in Athens, probably the richest prize of archeology today, was the most famous market forum in the world. A tourist, in the days of Herodotus, went to the Acropolis. But an Athenian went to the market place, the Agora, where he could buy flour, and olives, Hymettian honey in lieu of sugar, and currants from Corinth. Or he tarried and listened to homely snub-nosed Socrates standing in an arcade confusing an Athenian by a few cleverly selected questions.

In the Agora Solon posted his laws which earned the perpetuation of his name in the word "solon" for lawmaker. There Demosthenes delivered the famous orations against Philip of Macedonia. There Socrates stood stock still for 12 hours or more, while he thought out a new principle of philosophy. Also, it was through the Agora that the sharp-tongued cynic, Diogenes, wandered with a lantern, fruitlessly searching for an honest man.

Sociable in Food Hunt

English scientists insist the eels are the only residents of the water which can hunt their food in company, working in a pack as wolves do and rushing up a stream, eating all they meet or find, flesh, fowl or insect, devouring spawn and nosing out the small fry from their hiding places under the rocks and weeds along the banks.

It has become a common expression among the scientists to speak of the eels as the wolves of the stream, counting them even worse than the pike, that dashing, big eater of the waters, tigerish in ferocity and apparently never full of food. These learned writers declare they have known a large number of eels to attack a victim in mass formation, when one of their number would be unable to be master of the situation.

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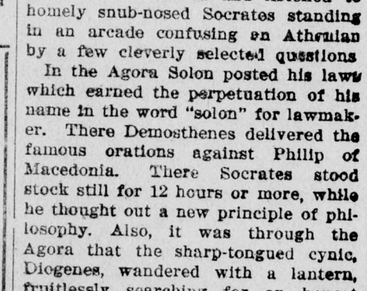

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Bible Sales Shatter All Previous Records

The number of Bibles sold over the entire world during 1925 reached 10,500,000, breaking all previous records, according to an American Bible Society report. China, Japan and the Far East showed large increases in the use of the Bible, although there were but few sales in Russia.

Despite the fact that more than ten million persons purchased the Bible last year, the reading of such an overwhelmingly popular book is forbidden in the public schools of California.

A Constitutional amendment which will permit the use of the Bible in the schools of this state will be submitted to the voters at the November election as Proposition No. 17 on the ballot.

The Scriptures are excluded from the classrooms through an interpretation of the statutes against the use of any sectarian teaching in the schools. The State Supreme Court has ruled that the Bible is not of the class prohibited by the statutes, but permission for its use in the public schools is not given by this decision.

The amendment provides that the Bible shall be placed in the schoolrooms and school libraries of the state, and that it may be studied by any pupil or read by any teacher without comment. No student will be required to read the Bible or hear it read against the wishes of his parents or guardian, however.

Eleven States Require School Bible Reading

The daily reading of the Bible is required by law in public schools of eleven states—Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Idaho. Bible read also is required in New York City, where the schools are operated under city charter, and in many other great cities.

The reading of the Bible in the schools is prohibited in seven states—New York, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nevada, Arizona, Illinois and California. The remainder of the states permit but do not require the use of the Scriptures in the classrooms.

An amendment will be voted on in California at the November election which will allow the reading of the Bible in the schools at the discretion of teachers and pupils.

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